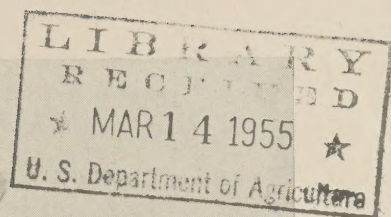


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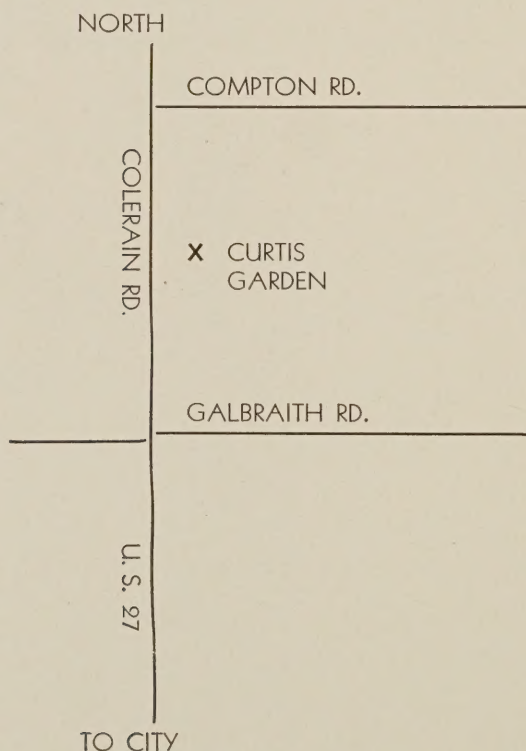


CURTIS GARDEN

Cincinnati, Ohio

*You are cordially invited* to visit Curtis Garden at all times, and especially from May 15th to June 1st to see the wonderful display of Oriental Poppies in bloom. There are over 25,000 blooms; colors varying from the palest of pink to the deepest of red. With their brilliant gigantic blooms, poppies are the very finest perennials to be had. The hybridizing of this fine perennial has been carried on for almost a quarter of a century at Curtis Garden. Out of this work have come the finest Poppies that are available today. Not only large blooms and beautiful shades of color, but hardiness and strong bloom stems have been created through this extensive breeding. This year as in previous years we have a new introduction. If it is at all possible pay us a visit. Curtis Garden is located in Groesbeck, a suburb of Cincinnati. Visitors are under no obligation.

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## *Our Policy*

### LARGE PLANTS MAKE SATISFIED CUSTOMERS

*In appreciation* we wish to express our thanks to all our old friends and customers for the orders they have given us in previous years, and for recommending our plants to their friends. We are very proud of the many letters received praising our plants and our method of packing and shipping.

If you are the discriminating gardener who grows the finest and choicest of flowers, you must have Curtis Oriental Poppies. They are the newest and most outstanding Oriental Poppies that are being offered anywhere today.

No other perennial will give as brilliant a show in the spring and early summer as the Oriental Poppy. With the proper selection of varieties, the blooming season can now be extended over a period of six weeks.

Our plant beds are so arranged that the same variety is grown year after year in the same bed, to prevent mixing of stock, which is all too common in Oriental Poppies.

During the blooming season the beds are checked daily to make sure there are no strays. All plants are two years old and have been transplanted to create a stronger branching root system.

## *The Culture of Oriental Poppies*

The culture of Oriental Poppies is no more difficult than that of any other permanent perennial. In fact, once they are established in the garden they need very little else than clean cultivation. Being deeply rooted, they rarely suffer from lack of water except possibly the first year they are planted. They do require a well-drained soil of good garden loam, a little mulch of excelsior or straw under the leaves the first winter, water only in rare instances, little or no fertilizer, and plenty of room in which to grow in preferably a sunny situation. Seed pods should be removed as soon as the petals have fallen, and the entire top cut back after it has turned brown.

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### *How to Treat Poppies for Cut Flowers*

All poppies make beautiful cut flowers and will last from three to six days without wilting if the following directions are followed. The best flowers are those that are newly opened. Cut them preferably early in the morning and burn the end of the stems one or two inches over a gas or electric range until the end of the stem is well burned and the tip is charcoal. Place them in water and they will last from three to six days. Such varieties as Raspberry Queen, Jessie Curtis, C. G. Flesh Pink and Enchantress (whose colors will fade some outdoors) are used as cut flowers and kept indoors. They will retain their beautiful colors without fading until their petals drop.

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### *When to Plant Oriental Poppies*

**AUGUST and SEPTEMBER**

The balance of the year, even through the winter months, they are in an active growing condition. The dormant season, unlike most other plants, is mid-summer and if moved then good results are sure to be secured. Of course, the clumps increase in size with age and may be left in the same spot for many years. Order now and we will ship at the best time for planting.





## 1955 Introduction

**GOLDEN PROMISE** . . . . . \$3.00

This golden yellow poppy with the purplish blotch produces a bloom almost as large as our Giant Flame, which is the largest of all Oriental Poppies. These flowers are born on strong sturdy stems about 30 to 36 inches in height. (Supply Limited).

## 1954 Introductions

**CLARET** . . . . . 3.00

Pure deep red flowers of large size, borne on strong 3 foot stems. Blooming profusely during mid-season. The most vigorous growing Red Poppy. In our opinion this is tops. This is the poppy which has been so outstanding in our trial beds that people visiting our garden have been waiting for us to introduce.

**BONFIRE** . . . . . 3.00

These fire red blooms growing on stems 3 feet high in mid season are large and crinkly, giving the appearance of crepe paper. A bed of these in full bloom truly looks like a bonfire.

## *Curtis Introductions*

### ARTHUR CURTIS . . . . . \$2.00

The deepest shade of red. Extra large blooms on tall strong stems. In our garden fall transplanted plants had 10 to 11 inch extra long lasting blooms, on heavy stems 3 to 4 feet tall. Dark reds are usually slow growing and with change of soil may take an extra year to reach full size.

### BUCKEYE RED . . . . . 1.25

Medium deep red, free from orange. Large blooms on tall stems. This is an exceptionally vigorous grower.

### CARMEN . . . . . 2.50

Dark cardinal red with a black blotch. Medium to large blooms on strong stems 2½ feet tall. A late blooming variety which makes it a grand addition to the ever-popular deep red poppies.

### CARNIVAL . . . . . 3.00

This new poppy is really something different. The blackish brown blotch is surrounded with a large field of creamy white, the upper half of the petals are nasturtium red. Blooms are of medium size on 2 to 2½ foot stems. Blooms early to mid-season.

### CURTIS GIANT FLAME . . . . . 1.00

Color, flaming red. Extra large blooms on very tall heavy stems. The largest poppy of all.

### CURTIS GIANT FLESH PINK . . . . . 1.00

Flesh pink with a lavender overlay. Large blooms on tall heavy stems. It bleaches to a white in the sun, but if cut early in the morning and brought indoors it will retain its beautiful color.

### CURTIS GIANT SALMON PINK . . . . . 1.00

Light salmon pink. Large blooms on heavy stems of medium height.

### DOROTHY S. ROWE . . . . . 1.25; 3 for 3.25

Deep cerise pink. Truly a beautiful poppy that is one of the earliest to bloom. Large blooms on wiry stems of medium height.

### G. I. JOE . . . . . 1.50; 3 for 4.00

Watermelon red, blooms medium to large, height medium. A fine clear brilliant color that does not clash. Last to bloom. Prolongs the season. Everyone's favorite.

### GLOWING ROSE . . . . . 1.00; 3 for 2.50

Watermelon pink, Large blooms on tall heavy stems. The first to bloom.



- JESSIE CURTIS** . . . . . **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**  
 Mahogany red. Many medium sized blooms over a long period. This beautiful mahogany colored poppy does well in shade and makes a beautiful cut flower. A must in any flower arrangement.
- "LITTLE DARLING"** . . . . . **.75**  
 Begonia pink, without a blotch. This is a dwarf variety, growing from 18 to 24 inches. It bears numerous small flowers on young plants. The stems are stiff, keeping the flowers erect in all kinds of weather. All in all a well-proportioned plant.
- MANCHU'S FAN** . . . . . **1.00**  
 Beautiful scarlet flowers on strong medium height stems. Long green bracts extending beyond the petals for a fan shaped bloom, making this one of the most distinguished flowers of all.
- MAY CURTIS** . . . . . **2.50**  
 Early blooming. Watermelon red. Large blooms of extra long lasting quality on strong tall stems. Without a doubt the finest poppy to date. A favorite of everyone. This shade of red is really a rose color and does not clash with any other garden flowers.
- RASPBERRY QUEEN** . . . . . **1.25**  
 The color of this poppy is really outstanding, and rarely found in other flowers. It is that of a crushed black raspberry. Plant in a shady location as the color will fade in bright sunshine. Large flowers on tall stiff stems. Truly a Queen.
- RED CRINKLES** . . . . . **1.25; 3 for 3.50**  
 A deep red of medium size and height. The petals are deeply crinkled, making it appear to be the deepest red of all. It has an exceptionally strong branching root system and is a profuse bloomer.
- ROSE GLOW** . . . . . **1.00; 3 for 2.50**  
 A watermelon pink similar to Glowing Rose, but it has a later blooming period. Medium to large blooms on stems of medium height.
- SPRING MORN** . . . . . **1.50**  
 A very fine clear flesh pink, without a blotch except an occasional trace of deeper color in the center. As delightful as a morning in the the spring. Medium to large blooms on strong stems of medium height.
- "SWEETHEART"** . . . . . **1.50**  
 The purest of pink ever seen in a poppy. It is the color of a strawberry soda. A profuse bloomer of medium to large size blooms without the usual blotch. Height medium.

## *Standard Varieties*

<b>A. E. FERGUSON</b> . . . . .	<b>\$1.00</b>
An old favorite. Medium red free from orange. Vigorous grower. Medium height. Large blooms.	
<b>CERISE BEAUTY</b> . . . . .	<b>.60</b>
Medium sized bloom of distinct cerise pink.	
<b>CHEERIO</b> . . . . .	<b>1.00</b>
Blush pink with light red base spots. Medium to large blooms. Stems of medium height. Very lovely and outstanding.	
<b>DAINTY LADY</b> . . . . .	<b>.75; 3 for 2.00</b>
Delicate shell pink of medium size.	
<b>DELIGHT</b> . . . . .	<b>1.00</b>
The flowers have heavy texture, and are the purest shell pink in color with no base spots. Late.	
<b>ENCHANTRESS</b> . . . . .	<b>.75</b>
Soft lilac rose. Large flowers on tall stems. Plant in shade as the color bleaches in bright sun. A good cut flower.	
<b>GLOWING EMBERS</b> . . . . .	<b>.60</b>
Cup-shaped, deeply crinkled petals. Crimson red.	
<b>HELEN ELIZABETH</b> . . . . .	<b>1.00</b>
Beautiful LaFrance pink. Medium height. No blotch.	
<b>LACHS KONIGEN</b> . . . . .	<b>.75</b>
Deep salmon pink. Fine large flowers on strong stems of medium height.	
<b>MAHONEY AMELIORE</b> . . . . .	<b>1.25</b>
Deep red. Will grow in light shade and bloom late, prolongs the season. Slow growing and roots smaller than average.	
<b>MARY JANE MILLER</b> . . . . .	<b>1.00; 3 for 2.75</b>
Salmon pink. Large flowers. Very early and free blooming. The late Dr. Neeley's finest. A favorite with all who see it.	
<b>NEW PERFECTION</b> . . . . .	<b>.75</b>
Seashell pink. Deeply fluted, medium to large sized blooms.	
<b>PERFECTION</b> . . . . .	<b>.75; 3 for 2.00</b>
A fine salmon rose. Medium to large flowers. Very fine. Late blooming.	



- PINK RADIANCE** . . . . . \$ .75  
Radiant pink. Medium to large blooms on stiff stems. Strong grower.
- RIDGEWOOD BEAUTY** . . . . . 1.00  
A cup shaped ruffled edged pink of heavy substance and distinctly original form. Outstanding.
- ROSE BEAUTY** . . . . . .60  
Cerise pink, edge of the petals lighter, silvery white.
- SALMON GLOW** . . . . . .60; 3 for 1.50  
Double salmon-orange. First blooms very double, later ones only slightly double. Spreads by underground runners. Keep under control.
- SASS PINK** . . . . . .60; 3 for 1.50  
Light flesh pink. Medium sized blooms on stems of medium height.
- SUPER WUNDERKIND** . . . . . 1.00  
(The true Wunderkind) Brilliant watermelon pink. Extra fine, but has a poor root system and many find it hard to grow.
- TOREADOR** . . . . . 1.25  
Carmine red. Large flowers on medium to tall stems.
- TRILBY** . . . . . 1.00  
Dark, lustrous crimson. Large blooms on medium to tall stems. Late bloomer.
- WATTEAU** . . . . . .60  
Coral pink. This is a lovely dwarf poppy. Well suited for rock gardens and for growing in the perennial border.
- WHITE QUEEN** . . . . . 1.00  
Chalk white cup-shaped flower with small intense black spots.
- WHITE SPLENDOR** . . . . . 1.00  
White with black blotch.

The following group offerings will give you a nice selection of color,  
plus a substantial saving.

### *Group No. 1*

#### FOUR LATE CURTIS INTRODUCTIONS

Claret  
Carnival

May Curtis  
Sweetheart

One each: catalogue value . . . . .	\$10.00
COLLECTION PRICE . . . . .	8.50

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### *Group No. 2*

#### FIVE CURTIS INTRODUCTIONS

Glowing Rose  
Spring Morn

Red Crinkles

Buckeye Red  
Manchu's Fan

One each: catalogue value . . . . .	\$6.00
COLLECTION PRICE . . . . .	5.00

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### *Group No. 3*

#### STANDARD VARIETIES

Cerise Beauty  
White Queen

Ridgewood-Beauty

Perfection  
Sass-Pink

One each: catalogue value . . . . .	\$3.95
COLLECTION PRICE . . . . .	3.00



## *Our Guarantee*

**A**LL ORDERS are filled with large two year old plants, freshly dug, that have already bloomed in our garden. They have been checked and are true to name. We cannot guarantee plants to grow, as we have no control over planting weather, and soil conditions. A complete planting and cultural direction is placed in every shipment. If plants are not satisfactory when received, return them at once and your money will be refunded.



## *Terms*

Cash with order. All orders for three dollars or more are shipped prepaid. Smaller orders please add twenty-five cents to cover packing and shipping costs. Poppies are shipped from August 1 through September and October. Retail only. Ohio customers please add three per cent sales tax.

In past years some of our stock of outstanding varieties were depleted long before the close of the season. We suggest an early order to avoid disappointment.

**[ *We never substitute unless  
requested to do so* ]**



2 YEAR OLD TREE PEONY PLANT

**T**HE TREE PEONY is a shrub, native to China. Unlike the herbaceous Peony, its woody branches stay alive and year after year the additional growth will add to the size of the plant until it reaches the height and spread of 3 to 4 feet and bears from 25 to 100 blooms. A sight never to be forgotten.

In the early 1800's. Tree Peonies were imported into Japan and later into Europe. Since then hybridizers have created over a hundred of the most beautiful varieties. There are three different types of Tree Peonies. Japanese (large broad petaled flowers with a central cushion of golden anthers. The foliage narrower than the European types). European (large double flowers similar to the double herbaceous type). Lutea Hybrids (this is a cross between the Lutea and the original Chinese Tree Peony. Their color is quite different from the other varieties, ranging from pure yellow to yellow and red combinations).

Tree Peonies are very hardy and very seldom lost. Well drained soil is to be preferred, and sunlight for the greater part of the day. Steamed bone meal or a commercial fertilizer low in nitrogen but high in phosphoric acid and potash are most commonly used. Manure is not advisable. A protective mulch should be used the first winter.

We advise the planting of small plants 2 to 3 years old in the fall, because it takes about a year for the plant to become established and produce a perfect bloom.

After careful selection for color, growing habit, and profuse bloomers, we are offering the following varieties of Tree Peonies.

**Fall Shipping Time—October-November . . . Early Spring—March 15 to April 1**



# Japanese Tree Peonies

## LIGHT PINKS

	2-3 yr. old	4-6 yr. old
<b>Akashi Gata</b> . . . . .	<b>\$4.75</b>	.....
Fine light pink, extremely large full double.		
<b>Kagura Jishi</b> (Sacred lion dance) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Light pink, immense double, exquisite, very popular.		
<b>Momoyama</b> (Mountain of peach orchard) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Large semi-double, blush pink, one of the best of all.		
<b>Yachiyo Tsubaki</b> (long hedge of camelias) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	<b>\$7.50</b>
Brilliant pink, semi-double, a favorite pink.		
<b>Yae Zakura</b> (very double cherry) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	<b>7.00</b>
Soft cherry pink, large, attractive double, highly recommended.		
<b>Tama Fuyo</b> (Jewelled lotus) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	<b>7.00</b>
Exquisite blush pink, double beauty, should be in every garden.		

## DARK PINK-ROSE

<b>Akashi Jishi</b> (Lion of Akashi) . . . . .	<b>6.00</b>	.....
Enchanting clear pink, narrow wavy petals protrude from center, full double, very scarce.		
<b>Higurashi</b> (Twilight) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Large bright pink double, fine grower; popular.		
<b>Sakura Jishi</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Lustrous pink, beautiful semi-double, great favorite.		
<b>Suigan</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Brilliant pink, double frilled petals, artistic beauty.		
<b>Shin Kagura</b> (New sacred music) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Intense bright rose, huge double; famous beauty.		
<b>Yomo Zackura</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Beautiful lustrous pink, semi-double, delightful acquisition.		

## WHITE

2-3 yr. old 4-6 yr. old

<b>Fusow-Tsukasa</b> . . . . .	<b>\$4.75</b>	.....
Unusual petal arrangement, double white, immense.		
<b>Godaishu</b> (Large globe like) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>
Pure white semi-double, petals twisting; popular.		
<b>Haku-Banryn</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Pure white full double, stiff and narrow, long petals, large flowers.		
<b>Hakuo Jishi</b> (White tailed lion) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	<b>7.00</b>
Pure white, great size, floriferous; double.		
<b>Okina Jishi</b> (Aged lion) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	<b>7.00</b>
Cup shaped, white, medium sized; most artistic.		
<b>Setsu-Getsuka</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Cream white, brilliant lustre, large broad petals, double flowers.		
<b>Yuki-Zassa</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Pearl white, large double, yellow and red center.		

## SCARLET

<b>Aya-Goromo</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Light red, tips are waved, giant flower.		
<b>Hatsu-Hinode</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Semi-double, brilliant scarlet.		
<b>Howdai</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Rose red, immense, full double.		
<b>Iwado-Kagami</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Beautiful scarlet, semi-double.		
<b>Naniwa-Nishiki</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Pink with white stripe like marginal variegation. double flowers.		



## SCARLET—Continued

2-3 yr. old    4-6 yr. old

<b>Nishi-Getsu-Nishiki</b> . . . . .	<b>\$4.75</b>	.....
Bright scarlet, edged in white.		
<b>Nishika No Tsuya</b> (Beauty of brocade) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Scarlet crimson base, charming double; of great size.		
<b>Sumi-No-Ichi</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Shiny blackish carmine, fine double.		
<b>Taisho-No-Hikare</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Large crimson scarlet, cup shaped double.		
<b>Teikwan</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Brilliant red, large double, beautiful center.		
<b>Ukare Jishi</b> (Jovial Lion) . . . . .	<b>6.00</b>	.....
Bright red, floriferous, beautiful semi-double, gorgeous color.		

## MAROON

<b>Hatsu Garashu</b> (First crow of the year) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Famous full double, velvety maroon; exquisite.		

## MAUVE-VIOLET-PURPLE

<b>Hana-Daijin</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	<b>\$7.50</b>
Rosy eupatium purple, double, very large and eye catching flower.		
<b>Kamata-Nishiki</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Lilac purple with mauve shade, white marginal varigation. Full double, very large flower.		
<b>Rimpo</b> (Bird of Rimpo) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
This famous beauty of brilliant purple, yellow center; sensational.		
<b>Shun Kodan</b> . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Deep blackish purple, immense double, vigorous.		
<b>Taisho No Hokori</b> (Pride of Taisho dynasty) . . . . .	<b>4.75</b>	.....
Immense, deep pure purple of great beauty. One of the best of its color.		

## YELLOW

<b>Kinshi</b> . . . . .	<b>10.00</b>	.....
New fully double yellow.		

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### *Collection Offer of Japanese Tree Peonies*

**3 TREE PEONIES**—Named varieties, labeled 2 to 3 year old. Our selections from the catalogue. State your colors.

\$14.25 Catalogue Value for **\$12.00**

As our supply of Tree Peonies is limited, a second choice would be appreciated.

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